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Amendments to the Claims

The following list of claims with replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A composition for animal consumption comprising:

an animal feed substrate; and

one or more coated particles,

whereby said substrate and said coated particles are intimately mixed and pressed into tablets or pellets of suitable size for feed consumption; and

whereby said coated particles comprise:

a carrier material having an average diameter of approximately 0.09 mm to 0.8 mm, whereby said carrier material is selected from the group consisting

of starch, saccharose, lactose, and sugar;

a first coat comprising an active ingredient casing consisting essentially of benazepril; and

a second coat comprising a physiologically compatible <u>cationic</u> polymer matrix.

Claim 22. (Cancelled)

Claim 23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 21 whereby said physiologically compatible <u>cationic</u> polymer matrix is selected from the group consisting of shellae, a-ellulose polymer, an acrylic acid polymer[[,]] <u>or</u> a methacrylic acid polymer, a methic acid anhydride polymer, a polyvinyl pyrrolidone polymer, a polyvinyl alcohol polymer, and <u>or</u> a combination of said polymers.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 21 further comprising one or more additives whereby said additives are selected from the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatics, and natural aromatics.

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Claim 26. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 21 whereby said substrate is veast.

Claim 27. (Cancelled)

Claim 28. (Cancelled)

Claim 29. (Currently amended) A method of making an animal medicament comprising mixing benazepril with a solvent;

coating a carrier material with the benazepril dissolved in a solvent, whereby said carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.09 mm to 0.8 mm, and whereby said carrier material is selected from the group consisting of starch,

saccharose, lactose and sugar;

coating said benazepril-coated carrier material with an additional <u>cationic</u> masking protective layer to form multi-coated particles;

intimately mixing said multi-coated particles with a substrate whereby said substrate consists of animal feed; and

compressing said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate into tablets or pellets of appropriate size for feed consumption.

Claim 30. (Cancelled)

Claim 31. (Cancelled)

Claim 32. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 29 whereby said <u>cationic</u> masking protective layer is <u>selected from the group consisting</u> of <u>shellac</u>, a <u>cellulose polymer</u>, an acrylic acid polymer[] <u>or</u> a methacrylic acid polymer, a <u>maleic acid anhydride polymer</u>, a <u>polywinyl pyrrolidone polymer</u>, a <u>polywinyl alcohol polymer</u>, and <u>or</u> a combination of said polymers.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising adding one or more additive to said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate whereby said additive is selected from the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatic substances, and natural aromatic substances.

Claim 34. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 whereby said substrate is yeast.

Claim 35. (Cancelled)

Claim 36, (Cancelled)

Claim 37. (New) The composition of Claim 21 whereby the carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.15 mm to 0.4 mm.

Claim 38. (New) The composition of Claim 24 whereby the cationic polymer is based on dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate and neutral methacrylic esters.

Claim 39. (New) The method of Claim 29 whereby the carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.15 mm to 0.4 mm.

Claim 40. (New) The method of Claim 32 whereby the cationic polymer is based on dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate and neutral methacrylic esters.

Claim 41. (New) A composition for animal consumption comprising:

an animal feed substrate; and

one or more coated particles.

whereby said substrate and said coated particles are intimately mixed and pressed into tablets or pellets of suitable size for feed consumption, and whereby said coated particles comprise:

a carrier material having an average diameter of approximately 0.09 mm to 0.8 mm, whereby said carrier material is selected from the group consisting of starch, saccharose, lactose, and sugar;

a first coat comprising an active ingredient casing consisting essentially of benazepril; and

a second coat comprising a physiologically compatible pH-dependent cationic polymer matrix capable of dissolving at an acidic pH value of up to pH 5.0.

Claim 42. (New) The composition of Claim 41 whereby said physiologically compatible cationic polymer matrix is an acrylic acid polymer or a methacrylic acid polymer or a combination of said polymers.

Claim 43. (New) The composition of Claim 42 whereby the cationic polymer is based on dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate and neutral methacrylic esters.

Claim 44. (New) The composition of Claim 41 further comprising one or more additives whereby said additives are selected from the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatics, and natural aromatics.

Claim 45. (New) The composition of Claim 41 whereby said substrate is yeast.

Claim 46. (New) The composition of Claim 41 whereby the carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.15 mm to 0.4 mm.

Claim 47. (New) A method of making an animal medicament comprising mixing benazepril with a solvent;

coating a carrier material with the benazepril dissolved in a solvent, whereby said carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.09 mm to 0.8 mm, and whereby said carrier material is selected from the group consisting of starch, saccharose, lactose and sugar;

coating said benazepril-coated carrier material with an additional cationic polymer masking layer wherein the cationic polymer masking layer is pH-dependent and capable of dissolving at an acidic pH value of up to pH 5.0 to form multi-coated particles;

intimately mixing said multi-coated particles with a substrate whereby said substrate consists of animal feed; and

compressing said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate into tablets or pellets of appropriate size for feed consumption.

Claim 48. (New) The method of Claim 47 whereby said cationic polymer masking protective layer is an acrylic acid polymer or a methacrylic acid polymer or a combination of said polymers.

Claim 49. (New) The method of Claim 48 whereby the cationic polymer is based on dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate and neutral methacrylic esters.

Claim 50. (New) The method of Claim 47 further comprising adding one or more additive to said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate whereby said additive is selected from

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the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatic substances, and natural aromatic substances.

Claim 51. (New) The method of Claim 47 whereby said substrate is yeast.

Claim 52. (New) The method of Claim 47 whereby the carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.15 mm to 0.4 mm.